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## **SPRINGFIELD CHIROPRACTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO FAILING TO FILE TAX RETURNS**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a self-employed Springfield, Mo., chiropractor pleaded guilty in federal court today to failing to file income tax returns for four years.

**Stephen B. Teeple**, 53, of Springfield, waived his right to a grand jury and pleaded guilty before U.S. Chief Magistrate Judge John T. Maughmer this morning to a federal information that charges him with four counts of failure to file federal income tax returns.

Each of the four counts of the information charge **Teeple** with failing to file income tax returns for the calendar years 1999 through 2002.

Count One of the federal information charges that **Teeple** had a gross income of \$251,847 in calendar year 1999 but failed to make an income tax return to the IRS. Count Two of the federal information charges that **Teeple** had a gross income of \$258,042 in calendar year 2000 but failed to make an income tax return to the IRS. Count Three of the federal information charges that **Teeple** had a gross income of \$236,439 in calendar year 2001 but failed to make an income tax return to the IRS. Count Four of the federal information charges that **Teeple** had a gross income of \$177,187 in calendar year 2002 but failed to make an income tax return to the IRS.

This case was investigated by IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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